



FIGHTING AN OVERLY AGGRESSIVE EPA

- Authoring two bipartisan bills, H.R. 4572 and H.J.Res. 76, to prevent EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act – one to amend the underlying Clean Air Act; one to stop the agency from promulgating its own greenhouse gas regulations. Two agricultural leaders joined me on these bills – Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN).
- Urging EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson in writing to affirm how the EPA could know the intent of Congress relating to the regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act when that Act does not mention greenhouse gases and therefore no congressional intent exists.
- Signing a bipartisan letter to urge House leaders to de-fund EPA's efforts to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.
- Cosponsoring H.R. 4396, the Save Our Energy Jobs Act, which would amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions.
- Working with Republicans and Democrats from rural America to prevent EPA from restricting the use of Atrazine based on the questionable claims of environmentalists.
- Not supporting the Clean Water Restoration Act, which would amend the Clean Water Act to replace “navigable waters of the United States” with “waters of the United States” – this could be a real problem for farmers.
- Cosponsoring H.R. 5426, a bill introduced by Congresswoman Candice Miller (R-Michigan) to direct EPA to finalize pending rules that exempt milk storage facilities from the agency's Spill, Prevention, Control, & Countermeasures, or SPCC, regulations that are designed to prevent oil discharges in navigable waters of the U.S.
- Cosponsoring H.R. 6273, a bill introduced by Congressman Collin C. Peterson (D-Minnesota) to relieve farmers of a potentially costly regulatory burden associated with the application of pesticides.

- Joining many Republican and Democratic colleagues in the House in expressing concern over the EPA's proposed rule to classify dust as a pollutant. This ruling could impact farmers in Missouri and throughout the United States and ought not be implemented.
- Urging EPA to immediately reject a proposed ban on the use of lead in fishing tackle, which was put before EPA by radical environmentalists.